

Help plan the future of U.S. 20/26 from Eagle Road west to I-84 in Canyon County

The U.S. 20/26 Corridor Preservation Study will identify future transportation improvements and determine the need for future right-of-way between Boise (Eagle Road) and Caldwell (I-84).

Please plan to attend one of two open houses to learn about the project and provide input.

■ **Wed., May 30, 2007**

5 to 8 p.m.

Friendship Celebration Church, 765 E. Chinden Blvd., Meridian
(east of Zamzows on the south side of Chinden Boulevard)

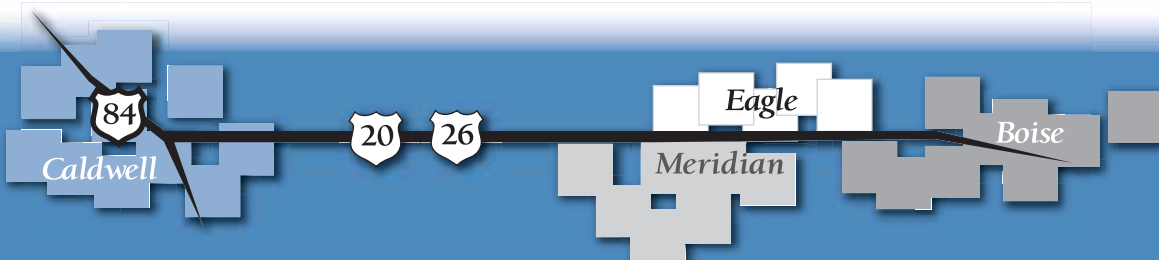
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Thomas Jefferson Charter School, 1209 Adam Smith Ave., Caldwell
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You will learn about options being considered to manage access on and off the roadway, alignment options for the corridor, and outcomes from initial environmental studies.

For more information about the project, contact **Don Matson, COMPASS Project Manager**, 855-2558 ext. 230, dmatson@compassidaho.org or **Sue Sullivan, ITD Project Manager**, 334-8955, sue.sullivan@itd.idaho.gov.



U.S. 20/26 Corridor Preservation Study

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STUDY UPDATE

Using input from the last public meeting and technical studies, ITD and COMPASS have developed several alternatives for improving the corridor. The alternatives include how the roadway will be aligned, the number of lanes, traffic signal spacing, medians and roadway access.

The project team has worked collaboratively with local governments to develop options for managing access on and off U.S. 20/26. The cities of Caldwell, Eagle, Meridian and Ada and Canyon Counties have presented these options to their communities for comment.

When complete, the U.S. 20/26 Corridor Preservation Study will identify:

- An **Access Management Plan** that directs the location, closure and spacing of “access points” on and off the roadway, such as median openings and traffic signals. It also specifies a system of “circulator” roads on each side of the corridor to efficiently move local traffic.
- An **Environmental Assessment** that identifies environmental impacts of corridor alternatives.
- A **Corridor Preservation Plan** that guides transportation and land use decisions along the corridor.

Action is needed now to ensure the land will be available for future improvements and that new connections onto U.S. 20/26 are well-planned.

STUDY BOUNDARIES

The study is bounded by Eagle Road on the east and Interstate 84 in Canyon County on the west. The length of the corridor is 15 miles.

Boise, Caldwell, Eagle, Meridian, Nampa, Star, Ada and Canyon counties, the Canyon Highway District No. 4, Ada County Highway District, COMPASS Board and ITD have all been involved with this study and will be asked to adopt the final plan. Local government support is essential for preserving the corridor and managing access.

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND AND PROVIDE YOUR INPUT.



The U.S. 20/26 Corridor Preservation Study team has worked with local elected officials and planners, like in this March 2007 meeting.

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To see what the study team learned at the May 2006 public meeting, go to www.itd.idaho.gov, go to Get Involved, choose Southwest Idaho and click on U.S. 20/26 Corridor Study.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit our Web site:

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The study is a partnership between the Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) and the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD).

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Se les recomienda a las personas que necesiten un intérprete reglas especiales que llamen a la coordinadora de participación pública, Gwen Smith, al (208) 334-4444 ó TDD/TDY (208) 334-4458.